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June 27, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 Twelfth Street S.W.
Room 5-A225
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via ECFS

**RE: FCC FORM 481 – CARRIER ANNUAL REPORTING DATA COLLECTION
CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FILED
IN DOCKETS 14-58) AND CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FILED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS .457 AND .459 OF THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULES**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its “FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection” financial information pursuant to sections §54.313 and §54.422 of the Commission’s rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Section 3005 of Form 481 requires the filing of financial information per 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association maintains that this information is “Confidential Financial Information” on the grounds that it is competitively sensitive information which could be used to disadvantage or harm Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association and is submitting this information pursuant to Protective Order, DA 16-296 as described below.

First, Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association is submitting the 54.313(f)(2) “Confidential Financial Information” as a “Stamped Confidential Document” with each page bearing the legend CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION and also submitting the .457 and .459 “Confidential Financial Information” as a “Stamped Confidential Document” with each page labeled “CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION”. One copy of the “Stamped Confidential Document(s)” and accompanying cover letter are enclosed.

Second, Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association is submitting the “Stamped Confidential Document(s)” as a “Redacted Confidential Document” where the “Confidential Financial Information” has been redacted. One copy of the “Redacted Confidential Document(s)” and accompanying cover letter with each page labeled “REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION” are being filed through the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”).

FCC Form 481 also will be filed prior to July 3rd with the State Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sakridge@ncn.net or 712-776-2222.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sheila Akridge

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